



FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN FEBRUARY 2018 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during February 2018.



BREMERTON, Wa. (Feb. 9, 2018) Battlefield training on the MARCH...Naval Hospital Bremerton's Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) program took to the field on the last day to test the MARCH mettle of students to keep their casualty alive by following the combat medicine algorithm MARCH, which stands for M for Massive hemorrhage, A for Airway, R for Respirations, C for Circulation, and H for Head and Hypothermia. "MARCH is designed to treat what will kill casualties from first to last," explained Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Shane Faulkner, TCCC instructor (Official Navy photo by Douglas H Stutz, Naval Hospital Bremerton Public Affairs).



CAMP FUJI, Japan (Feb. 13, 2018) U.S. Navy Corpsman Petty Officer 3rd Class John Cunningham fast ropes on Camp Fuji, Japan, Feb. 13, 2018. Marines and Sailors with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division learned the fundamentals of fast roping for future vertical assault operations. Cunningham, a Pineville, North Carolina native, is a general duty corpsman for Golf Company. He is attached to 3rd Marine Division through the unit deployment program. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Damion Hatch Jr.)



RAYONG, Thailand (Feb. 16, 2018) U.S. Navy Capt. Shawn Ricklefs with the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center teaches children about proper hygiene during a cooperative health engagement at Watsomboonnaram School in support of Cobra Gold 2018 in Rayong province, Kingdom of Thailand, Feb. 16, 2018. A CHE provides an opportunity for service members to provide the local community with basic medical, dental and optometry care. Cobra Gold 18 is an annual exercise conducted in the Kingdom of Thailand and runs from Feb. 13-23 with seven full participating nations. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Justin Huffty)



SAN DIEGO (Feb. 23, 2018) Sailors embarked aboard Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) say goodbye to friends and family as the ship prepares to depart Naval Base San Diego in support of Pacific Partnership 2018 (PP18). PP18's mission is to work collectively with host and partner nations to enhance regional interoperability and disaster response capabilities, increase stability and security in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships across the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region. Pacific Partnership, now in its 13th iteration, is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Asia-Pacific (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Byron C. Linder/Released)



PACIFIC OCEAN (Feb. 27, 2018) Sailors aboard Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) medically treat a mock patient during a medical readiness training drill. Mercy is currently deployed in support of Pacific Partnership 2018 (PP18). PP18's mission is to work collectively with host and partner nations to enhance regional interoperability and disaster response capabilities, increase stability and security in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships across the Indo-Pacific Region. Pacific Partnership, now in its 13th iteration, is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Caledon Rabbipal/Released)